

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 41 as provided in the following

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Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

entering or receiving information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event

and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for use of the ticket for a portion of the event being made to the ticket account of the first individual;

processing the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event with a processing device;

generating at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message with the processing device; and

transmitting the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a third individual.

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

receiving a response to the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the response is transmitted from the communication device; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the communication device; and

at least one of printing via a printer the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after

a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying via a display device information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

at least one of effectuating a payment to the ticket account and effectuating a withdrawal from an account associated with the second individual or the third individual.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which

remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket option.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the communication device is a wireless device or a wireless telephone.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the communication device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the communication device is a kiosk or an automated teller machine.

Claim 51. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a notification message containing information regarding a purchase of at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting the notification message to a communication device associated with a seller of the ticket or the ticket option.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the computer-implemented method is performed during the event.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the second individual or the third individual is located at the event or at a venue of the event.

Claim 54. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

entering or receiving information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option;

processing the information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option with the processing device;

generating a buyer availability message containing information that an available buyer exists for a ticket or a ticket option; and

transmitting the buyer availability message to a communication device associated with a ticket holder or a ticket seller or used by a ticket holder or a ticket seller.

Claim 55. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

entering or receiving information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when a ticket holder is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request is processed using the information regarding an available ticket, wherein the ticket availability message contains information regarding the available ticket.

Claim 56. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the computer-implemented method is used by the second individual or the third individual to upgrade a ticket during the event.

Claim 57. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

processing information regarding an auction of, or a bidding for, a ticket or a ticket option which is identified

in the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the communication device during the event, and further wherein the communication device is at least one of a wireless device, a wireless telephone, and a personal digital assistant.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the communication device during the event, and further wherein the communication device is a kiosk located at a venue associated with the event or a venue of the event.

Claim 60. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a second ticket availability message, wherein the second ticket availability message contains

information regarding a ticket or a ticket option available for sale or resale prior to a start of the event or a second event;

transmitting the second ticket availability message to the communication device associated with an individual or used by an individual;

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or the ticket option; and

processing information regarding a sale or a resale of the ticket or the ticket option.